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State Capitol Building Damage

SACRAMENTO - The State Capitol building was damaged last night at approximately 9:30 p.m. when a big rig smashed into the south steps, causing a fire that forced evacuation of lawmakers and staff attending a session on California's energy crisis.

Tony Perez, State Capitol Museum Director, announced that access to the Capitol building will be limited until further notice. Tours will not be given during this time because of assessment of structural damage to the building and artifacts in the museum collection.

A number of historic paintings and artifacts were removed from the building by curatorial staff last night and are being stored at the State Archives.

There is no estimate yet of how much it will cost to repair the building or its contents.

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